



WACS Africa & Middle East Continental Director's Report

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1. UPDATE

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Dear President Metz and fellow members of the WACS Executive Board,

The following is an update on progress achieved thus far within our region.

Our third regional newsletter has been posted and we have received numerous favourable responses once again.

The various associations are finally getting into the swing of things and are beginning to send news regularly.

Further direct communications are being planned by direct countries as for the duration of the year and the beginning of next year leading up to the WACS congress.

In the coming year all efforts will be concentrated on effective direct communication with each association, as the last year has been particularly difficult in obtaining correct and updated contacts for the region.

2. REGIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

South Africa

Things are moving in South Africa, both literally and figuratively. The association has opened the Centre for Culinary Excellence in March 2005, at the newly formed University of Johannesburg and will be a permanent home for the South African Chefs Association.

Current WACS president Mr Ferdinand Metz was present in Johannesburg to open the centre.

This is what you can expect to find within its walls:

Archives

The history of the hospitality industry in South Africa will be obtained from historical recounts, autobiographies and oral histories and transcribed for perpetuity, to be housed in the archives of the Centre.

Library

With space for 10 000 books, it is envisaged that the Centre will become the site of one of the largest collections of reference books in South Africa. SACA's existing library will be expanded to house a definitive collection of 21st century cookbooks. Donations from across the globe have been received so far, but there is always room for more.



Video library

The video library will house historical video footage of events, tours and competitions, as well as skills training videos.

Interactive audiovisual material

In addition to the training videos, audiovisual material such as computer-based training, Powerpoint presentations and online facilities will be available to students.

Memorabilia

SACA's memorabilia, tracing our history over 30 years, includes menus, gifts, trophies, certificates, awards and medals from every corner of the globe.

Photographs

A catalogued archive of photographs dating back to 1974 will be accessible to the industry.

Foods of Africa section

It is the vision to create a definitive archive on the Foods of Africa, aimed at preserving the culinary culture of our continent.

Computer centre

The Centre will offer computer facilities and access to the Internet to all members and students. There will be 10 computers available, with the facility to add more, should the demand arise. A computer centre, on its own, is certainly not unique, but the information which visitors will have access to, either on site or through the Internet, represents the single greatest benefit of the Centre to the industry.

Egypt

In its continuing efforts to improve the level of culinary skills in Egypt, the Egyptian Chefs Association (ECA) has just concluded the Host Sharm Salon Culinaire'05, in conjunction with the Host Sharm Exhibition which took place from 10 till 13 February at the Savoy Hotel Sharm El Sheikh.

The Egyptian Chefs Association is organizing the National Salon Culinaire 2005 to take place on Monday 13 June 2005 at the InterContinental Heliopolis Al Saraya Ballroom. It is the national chef's competition where chefs compete in 13 different culinary categories.

United Arab Emirates

No recent news from this busy association has been received, but I am very positive that the team in Dubai are very busy with their usual preparations regarding their local chapter.



Preliminary work has also been started regarding the WACS congress 2008 and I have, after numerous trips, all the faith in the Emairates Culinary Guild, excuting a great congress in 2008.

Rwanda

Although not a member of WACS at this stage, this young association, less then a year old, is very busy fraternity of chefs in Eastern Central Africa. Presently discussions are underway about membership status for WACS 12 teams are traveling to Rwanda this week in Aid of this event, and even due to teams withdrawing their commitment at the last minute, the association has managed to get replacement teams.

For further information use the following link : www.rca2005.org

Zimbabwe

This member has not paid its membership for a couple of years, but contact has been made and a site visit is expected soon. From my side I have received 2 different contacts for the Chairperson and will be sorting out the correct contacts within the next month.

Namibia

This member country has not paid its dues for a number of years and recently contact has been established. A new president was elected and a site inspection is planned for August.

Israel

Good news , contact has finally been made with Israel and I will update the board shortly.



3. COMMUNICATIONS & CONTACT INFO

Further the contact list for the area has been finalized, with outstanding countries been worked on at the moment.

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Financials

Presently, The continental does not receive any feedback from Mr. Schidigger on who in the region has paid or not. May I suggest that continental director receive an invoice from WACS to pass onto the regional associations once they have paid, in order that we are better able to track payments. This to included all other members that fall within the area.

WACS Membership Fees

This is a grave area of concern to our region. With fees structured in Euros from last year from Swiss Francs, the current fee of Euro 750, has become unaffordable for many smaller members. (Recent Saudi Arabia has resigned) I feel we need to look a receiving income from other sources to maintain and build up our financial situation and then look at reducing our membership fee over time. While I realize that by reducing our cost just to get retain members or to increase our membership might not make sense in the short term it will increase the potential for sponsors having a bigger database of members that they are able to target.

Budget:

I have attached my preliminary budget for the next year. Those numbers in red are fees that will be picked up by local associations or sponsors. I have worked on



the guidelines as discussed last year, namely €150.00 pre member in my area and for travel and € 30 per diem per day.

Subject	Number per year	Fights	Total
board meetings	2	1050	2100
Regional	7	300	2100
Extra ordinary	3	300	900
Sub Total			5100

Subject	Number per year	Per diem 3 days	
board meetings	2	90	180
Regional	7	90	630
Extra ordinary	3	90	270
Sub Total			1080

Total for year		6180
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